

Abstract

The present invention provides a ferrule holder comprising an integral assembly which comprises first pinching portions for pinching the side of a ferrule in a optical ferrule-attached fiber through a line contact of about 2 mm in the longitudinal direction of the ferrule and second pinching members for pinching the side of the ferrule through a line contact of about 0.5 mm in the longitudinal direction of the ferrule, when the adjustment of optical axis in the optical ferrule-attached fiber is to be performed before it is optically coupled with an optical part. Since the adjustment of optical axis is performed while pinching the side of the ferrule through the relatively short line contact in the longitudinal direction of the ferrule after the ferrule has been fixed to a first supporting member, the sufficient range of leverage movement can be secured. At the same time, the YAG welding portions between the first supporting member and the ferrule can be prevented from being damaged or deformed due to an excess load thereon.